

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble, son of Isaac and Nancy (Shaker) Keeble, was born in Waubay, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Keeble was a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, a Sioux Native American tribe, and a U.S. Army National Guard veteran of both World War II and the Korean War; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Keeble was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with V device for Valor, the Bronze Star for merit, the Combat Infantryman Badge (first and second awards), and two Purple Hearts; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Keeble was posthumously awarded our nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, by President George W. Bush on March 3, 2008, for his actions in the Korean War. He is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the Medal of Honor; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Keeble symbolizes the valor and bravery of all infantrymen not only from South Dakota, but from the entire country; and,

Whereas, The legacy of Master Sergeant Keeble's bravery will serve to inspire generations of South Dakotans; and,

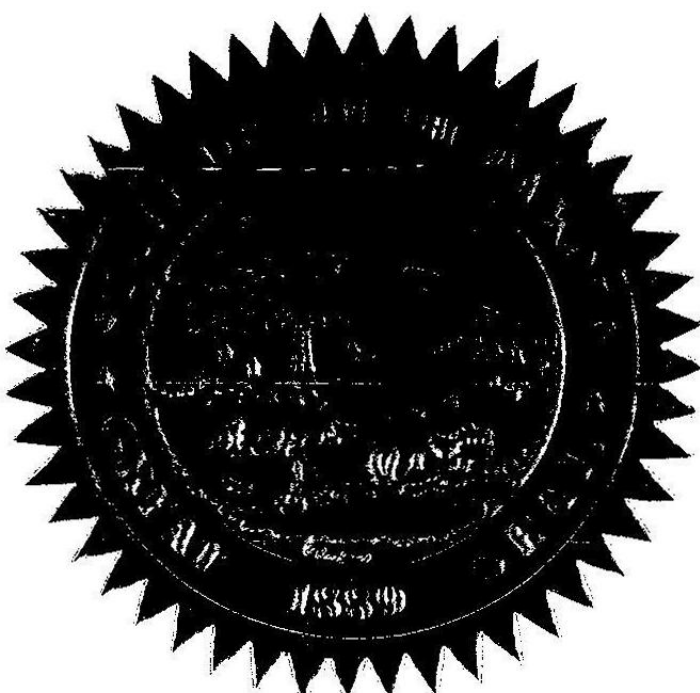
Whereas, South Dakota is indebted to Master Sergeant Keeble for preserving that which we so bountifully enjoy – liberty and freedom; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to remember Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble for his dedicated and outstanding service to this country and state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2008, as

A DAY OF TRIBUTE FOR MASTER SERGEANT WOODROW WILSON KEEBLE

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State